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**Metered Parking for Military Veterans**

Each year thousands of men and women join our nation's military to serve their country and protect our freedom. The contributions and sacrifices of these brave soldiers are vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by Americans and people around the world. Sadly, some of our brave soldiers come home with life altering injuries and others pay the ultimate price, giving their lives in defense of freedom.

To honor their sacrifice and commitment towards keeping America safe, the State of California passed Assembly Bill 190, authored by Assemblywoman Karen Bass in 2008, exempting military veterans with the following license plates from paying metered parking:

- Pearl Harbor Survivor
- Legion of Valor
- Former American Prisoner of War (POW)
- Congressional Medal of Honor`
- Purple Heart

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**The bill requires local jurisdiction to opt-in to the legislation before veterans can take advantage of the exemption. A survey of the county's 88 cities, concluded that a vast majority were not aware of the law. Pasadena and Santa Monica chose not to participate and opted-out. The County of Los Angeles opted-in and exempts all veterans with special license plates from paying metered parking at county facilities.**

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors;**

- 1. Direct the Chief Executive Office to send a letter to all 88 cities and town councils in the County encouraging them to follow the County's lead and adopt an ordinance to opt into the provisions of AB 190.**
- 2. Send a letter to the Governor requesting that the California Department of Motor Vehicles publish a list of counties and cities that currently honor the parking exemption; post the list on the DMV website; and provide an updated list annually to all veterans who have registered plates that qualify for the parking exemption.**

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